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**Untrained Workers Weatherizing Homes In Southern California**  
**Inspector General Calls For Immediate Halt In Work Until Training Is Completed**  
**Chick Also Asks For Statewide Review To Ascertain**  
**If Problem Exists In Other Areas of the State**

Sacramento—Workers and their quality assurance supervisors performing weatherization work on homes in San Diego and Imperial counties are untrained.

“That means that though the work is being performed, there is no assurance that it is being done properly, according to building codes and regulations and done properly in order to achieve the energy savings desired,” wrote California Inspector General Laura Chick in a letter to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The letter accompanied a review of Campesinos Unidos which is a sub-recipient of federal stimulus funds to weatherize homes of low-income residents. The state is expected to receive \$185 million in Recovery Act funds, of that Campesinos has been awarded \$2.7 million.

“The Department of Community Services and Development should instruct Campesinos to immediately cease ongoing work until the proper training is completed and certified proof is provided,” continued Chick who was appointed by Schwarzenegger to oversee the state’s spending of the stimulus funds. “Further, I recommend that CSD verify that its 38 other providers are training and certifying their personnel and assessing the completed work as required.”

“My report also found that Campesinos’ books are in such disarray that we cannot determine how much Recovery money has actually been spent or how well it has been spent,” wrote Chick. “This is not an acceptable way to account for the people’s money.”

Chick’s full report and letter to Governor Schwarzenegger can be found at [www.inspectorgeneral.ca.gov](http://www.inspectorgeneral.ca.gov).

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